

HOUSE BILL 918

By Fitzhugh

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2;
Title 16 and Title 17, relative to election of judges.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-4-102, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead:

Section 16-4-102. At the regular judicial election held every eight (8) years, there shall be elected twelve (12) judges of the court of appeals, of whom not more than four (4) shall reside in one (1) grand division of the state, and each of whom shall be not less than thirty (30) years of age, and shall have been a resident of the state five (5) years before qualification; and shall be duly licensed to practice law in the state of Tennessee for at least five (5) years before qualification.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-5-102, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead:

Section 16-5-102. The court of criminal appeals shall be composed of twelve (12) judges, of whom not more than four (4) shall reside in any grand division of the state. Each judge shall not be less than thirty (30) years of age and shall have been a citizen and resident of the state of Tennessee for at least five (5) years prior to appointment or election under the provisions of this chapter. All of such judges shall be duly licensed to practice law in the state of Tennessee for at least five (5) years before qualification.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all elections for judge of the court of appeals and court of criminal appeals occurring on and after such date.